

# Japan Is Featured This Edition

## Stamp For Brazilian Steel Mill Expansion

January 31 was the release date for a single commem which Brazil issued to note the second expansion movement of its steel industry. According to Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro, the present capacity of the nation's mills reached one million tons annually, and the addition of added facilities which the stamp notes, will bring annual production far above that figure.



The 250c stamp in a dark brown picture the pouring of molten steel. It also contains dedicatory and explanatory wording.

The Brazilian steel mills, located at Volta Redonda, are the largest in South America. The city is one of the fastest growing in the southern hemisphere — it is located in the State of Rio de Janeiro.

## Mexican PO Department Plans Picture Cards

The Mexican Post Office Department has announced that it will soon begin selling pre-stamped colored post cards of the natural and archaeological wonders of Mexico in an effort to boost the country's tourist traffic, advises Ralph Ogden, Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Officials explained that pre-stamped cards are sold in many countries that put an emphasis on the tourist trade, and also as a means of publicity for the nation. Tourism in Mexico has not reached previously expected heights due to a lack of adequate publicity. The postcards will be a step forward in publicizing the republic.

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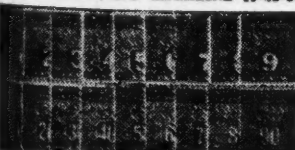
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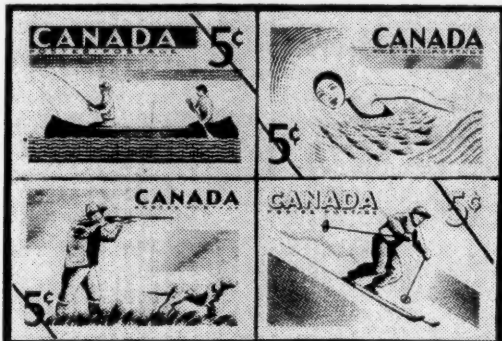


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## Memorable Journey To Japan Reveals The Intense Interest Of Its People In Philately

Harold E. M. Bradshaw

Last summer I was finally able to fulfill a long held desire, to make a trip to Japan. Mrs. Bradshaw and I sailed from San Francisco and arrived in Kobe on September 20 where we were met by Dr. Soichi Ichida. Dr. Ichida has long been a member of our society and is an internationally known philatelist through his numerous round the world trips. We had not set up a rigid itinerary, having decided to leave ourselves in the hands of our philatelic friends in Japan.

This proved extremely fortunate because Dr. Ichida, Bob Spaulding, Sadamasa Suganuma, my first philatelic friend in Japan, Riichi Yoshida, Dr. Mishima and others, certainly arranged matters so that we saw as many of the famous places that have appeared on Japanese stamps and other points of philatelic interest as our limited time of one month in Japan allowed.

To give the names of our members and other leading philatelists that I met and to tell of all the beautiful and interesting places we saw would take much more space than is available. However, I can report that philately holds a high

place in Japan and is extremely popular. We were met at every large city by reporters and press photographers and articles about our visit appeared in most of the main newspapers.

The Japan Philatelic Federation has upwards of 36,000 members and even the smallest towns seemed to have at least one active philatelic society. In most major post offices there are philatelic sections supplying the wants to collectors and I found that even in very small post offices the clerks were always very obliging and willing to show you their stock and apply special scenery cancellations, or ordinary cancellations, with the greatest of care.

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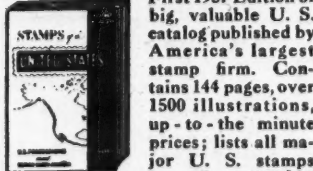
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This article is designed for those of you who have never been introduced to the wonders of Japan or its stamps. After reading what I have to tell you, perhaps you too will want to add more color, variety and interest to your collecting activities by saving the issues of this nation.

Japan is a land of splendid physical beauty, and its people are dynamic, resourceful, highly literate and possessed of refined artistic tastes. For proof of their resourcefulness, one need only review the spectacular rise of Japan among the family of nations during the 19th and 20th centuries. The vast efforts expended by the Japanese people on reconstruction since the disaster of World War II further underscores my previous observations of their ability.

Gazing into the philatelic mirror for the first time, one can classify Japanese issues into the following broad categories:

- Allegorical and symbolic.
- Art and fine arts.
- Scenery.
- Human subjects.
- Agriculture, Industry and the Military.

Of these five broad categories, the first three seem to predominate. In the early stamps, one sees most of the allegorical and symbolic subjects; the dragons, the chrysanthemum crests, the kiri branches. These reflect the early preoccupation of Japanese designers with the identifications of imperial power. As a matter of fact, the imperial chrysanthemum crest remained a part of Japanese stamp designs from 1872 until first removed in 1947 from the adhesives commemorating the reopening of private trade (Scott 1956 Catalog Nos. 382-3).

The Japanese are particularly proud of their architecture. Its unusual characteristics are liberally displayed on many of its stamps commencing with the 1915 view of the Enthronement Hall at Kyoto (Nos. 150-1). Many shrines are depicted, reflecting the close associa-

tion of the pre-World War II state religion of Shinto with the then-existing Japanese government.

Two unique aspects of Japanese art are the brush drawing and prints of such masters as Hokusai, Kano and Hiroshige. Outstanding examples of this type of art can be seen on No. 422 ("Beauty Looking Back") or No. 479 ("Moon and Geese").

Most collectors have been introduced to Japanese scenery by the National Park issues which date from the 1936 Fuji-Hakone Park. It is sometimes a surprise for the uninitiated to learn that many areas of Japan offer natural beauty as spectacular as that of Europe or North America. These park issues do not exaggerate the majesty of the Japanese landscape. The stamps of Japan depicting mountains could form the nucleus of an intriguing topical collection, for here indeed are true mirrors of Japan, the mountainous island nation of the Orient.

Human subjects show up frequently on the stamps of Japan, although not nearly as often as on the issues of the United States and Britain. Hisoka Maejima, founder of the modern and efficient postal system of Japan, appears on a total of eight stamps and souvenir sheets. His portrait has been the most popular with stamp designers. To date, the Emperor has not appeared, although Empress Jingō (from whence the expression "jingoism") is pictured on four adhesives.

There are a scattering of public figures and military men, plus a number of workers, children and athletes. Sports on Stamps enthusiasts have a yearly addition to their collections in Japan's National Athletic Meet series.

No discussion of philatelic portraiture would be complete without (Continued on page 9)

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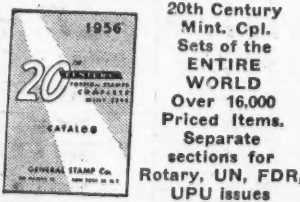
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## Portugal Honors Literary Giant

Portugal, on March 7, will release a set of four commemorative stamps in honor of Joao Baptista da Silva Leitao de Almeida Garrett. His name is just as lengthy as his list of accomplishments for Garrett was a highly esteemed figure in Portuguese literary circles the first half of the 19th century.



The stamps, to be produced from engraved plates at the Austrian State Printing Works in Vienna, were engraved by Ferdinand Lorber of that institution. The common design was adapted from the upper profile of a statue in Garrett's honor, sculptured by Barata Feyo, and located in Oporto, the birthplace of the writer.

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Payment for mint stamps (which must include return postage) or the covers, can be made by money order, cashier's check or certified check. Orders for the covers and mint stamps should be made out on separate pieces of paper. Return name and address must be included.

Almeida Garrett was a renowned figure in the world of literature not only within his own country but around the world. His prose was remarkable, while his poetry, dramas and oratory were outstanding. His productions include novels, lyric poems, essays and several plays.

The romanticism of the era is to be found influencing his style. However, he was a pioneer in

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422-54	.30	581	.18	B171-78 .60
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## A Tip To Stamp Dealers

Two weeks ago I made the statement that I was through talking about the big mixture deal that I had made through this paper. There has, however, been some comment from many who were fortunate enough to get one of these mixtures and I believe that what these people have to say should be mentioned for the sole reason that it is a Tip To Stamp Dealers and if followed will be of inestimable value to any one who wants to build up a business based on this information.



GEORGE W. LINN

One man writes that he was very pleased with what he got for his \$5 and that if I was able to offer another similar lot that I could save a lot of time and work and expense by asking for orders and that they be made without advance remittances and that then the first 100 persons who applied would be notified by mail to remit and the other letters then need only be discarded and no replies involved. This man also said, based on the lot that he got that the next time a similar lot should be priced at \$10 rather than at \$5 as he would have considered it a bargain at \$10.

Another collector wrote that he had only partially finished cataloging and take \$15 for the lot.

Now I know that there are many dealers who have large accumulations of cheaper stamps in mixed lots that are kicking around their office in cartons and otherwise and that they would be well able to sell a mixture as good as I offered and take in a few thousand dollars and get the junk out of the road.

However here is the key to the whole matter. The mixture has to be a big value in the eyes of the collector. But even then the dealer would be better off with the cash than with the large accumulation of cheaper material kicking around and which he will probably never have time to sort through and get rid of in a normal manner.

Both of these parties as well as several others point out that the main reason I got so many orders was that the readers had complete confidence in what I said as regards the mixture and that they knew in advance that they were going to get their money's worth. That then is the Tip. Do business with the people you do business with in such manner that they will have confidence in you and will want to deal with you.

The great number of complaints we constantly get about dealers who do otherwise is enough to make us wonder why dealers spend money to advertise and then mistreat those who make remittances by taking weeks to refund when sold out, or by doing any one of a dozen other things to make the customer become so dissatisfied with them that they promise themselves to never again trade with that certain dealer. There is a lesson in these facts that can be of immense value to every stamp dealer who will deal with his customers in such a manner as to gain their complete confidence. It would mean bigger and better business with the collectors and is certainly worth working for.

## My APS Number is 2452

Yes, I have been a member of the American Philatelic Society for almost fifty years. I am not unfriendly to the APS as is insinuated in letters from the president and from other sources in the society. My own belief about the APS is that it should be supported by every stamp collector who can afford the annual dues, but I have never actively got out and worked to get new members because I just do not approve of the way the society is run. If however the membership should become militant and take an active interest in society affairs much that is not right could be remedied. In fact it would have to be remedied, but these things can not be done unless the membership takes enough interest to demand changes. I will be glad to send an application blank to anyone who wants to become a member and take an active interest in the society. With enough such members the faults could be eliminated but so long as the membership takes no active interest nothing will be done.

I have had letters from APS members approving of my lone effort to smoke out the parties mixed up in the stamp thefts of 1953-54 and one paragraph from a letter to the APS secretary is typical of the thoughts expressed in some of the other letters. This man says, and I quote a single paragraph . . . "This letter is to serve notice that, if by the time you send out your subscription renewals—about June—you have not taken an active part in prosecuting those responsible for the theft or making a public effort to get to the bottom of it, then don't send me a renewal form but cancel my APS membership immediately."

Now I do not recommend such action. Rather I advise that you keep on hammering at the officers and insisting that the society actively enter into this fight and do all in their power to rout out the culprits. Quitting the society will do no good. You can not urge them to get into the fight unless you are one of the crowd. Here is an opportunity for the society to do a service to its members and to our hobby that could result in encouraging hundreds of collectors to join in and support them, yet they sit still and do nothing. I could go back a good many years, in fact back to 1910 when the Bogert & Durbin Co. of Philadelphia, then owned by the Tuttle Brothers, and relate how they practically stole a collection through dishonest auction handling, a collection belonging to an APS member. The society had all of the facts in the case and failed to take any action. At that time I was publishing "The Stamp Collector", an excellent publication of that period. We printed the whole story which came from papers in the hands of the secretary of the APS at that time, a Mr. Harry S. Adair in Columbus, Ohio. Almost immediately the Tuttle boys folded up and were forced out of business. Now we have another matter that the APS as well as the SPA and all other societies should get interested in and help flush out the thieves but they merely say we have only heard rumors that some of the stamps have been recovered.

The best reply we can get out of those few who know the names of the people involved is that the FBI and the insurance company are working on the case and do not want any names mentioned as it might scare the thieves and keep them from finding out who may have stolen their stamps.

If the FBI will tell me that they are working on this case and that they will prosecute or expose the thieves when caught I will voluntarily close my trap and await developments, but when those people who know the names tell me that the FBI, or the Tampa Police, or anyone else is working on the case, I just will not believe them.

SMILEATELICS . . . Bob Rieker



"Shall I accept their invitation to a Thanksgiving dinner? George is going to play those same worn out records and show us colored slides of his stamps!"

## Nicaragua Plans Set For Scouts

Count Nicaragua in as one of the nations which will honor the 50th anniversary of the Founding of the Boy Scouts this year, advises Gimbels Stamp Department of New York. Sometime in the very near future the Scout tribute and that to Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the organization, will be made in the form of six regulars, ten airmails and two souvenir sheets.

Airmail denominations are 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 30, 40, 75, 85 centavos and 1 Cordoba; regulars—10, 15, 20, 25, 50c and 1.20C. All the values of the regulars will appear on the one souvenir sheet, and the 30, 40, 75, 85c and 1C. of the airmails on the other.

Advance information is to the effect that only 25,000 of the souvenir sheets are planned.

February 22 was the first day of issue for a 10pf commemorative honoring Heinrich Hertz, experimenter and researcher in electro-dynamics, and Pioneer in radio engineering and telecommunication technique.



This green and black stamp was produced by offset at the Federal Printing Office in Berlin on paper watermarked "DBP". The production amounts to 20 million copies. In case the stamp is not sold out prior to August 31 it will be withdrawn from further sale on that date.

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## Chicago Mayor To Open Exhibition

There is a feeling of expectancy as the date of the Chicago 4th Midwest Postage Stamp Show draws near. The many well-known personalities who will attend March 15 to 17, at the La Salle Hotel, promise to add much interest. Mayor Richard J. Daley will open the event if his heavy schedule will permit. The week of March 11 to March 17 has been proclaimed as "Stamp Collecting Week" in Chicago.

On Saturday March 16, Marlin Perkins, the well known director of the Lincoln Park Zoo, and television personality of Zoo Parade fame, will be present at the show and will be presented with a collection of "Animals on Stamps" as a memento of his visit.

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General chairman, William P. Brooks has announced a 200 frame exhibition and that all collectors are invited to submit displays for competition. There will be four sections open for competition: Section 1—United States, Possessions and Confederate States; Section 2—Foreign; Section 3—Air Mail; Section 4—Topicals.

Stephen G. Rich of Verona, New Jersey will be chairman of the judges. Richard M. Needham of Lancaster, Ohio and Carl Rueth of Sidney, Ohio will complete the committee. A prospectus with an entry blank may be obtained by writing to John C. Kearns, 204 Niagara, Dayton 5, Ohio.

The host club is planning to have 20 booths for dealers. Arrangements for booths may be made by contacting Mr. Brooks at 1533 S. Burnett Rd., Springfield, Ohio.

1957 STAMP PROGRAM  
Aug. 1—Air Force 50th Anniversary, Washington, D. C. (No further details).  
Steel Industry, New York City. (No further details).  
Oklahoma Statehood (details not announced).  
School Teachers (details not announced).  
Wildlife Conservation (details not announced).  
ALREADY ISSUED  
1086—Hamilton 3c, New York, N. Y. January 11.  
1087—Polio 3, Washington, D. C. January 15.  
1088—C & GS 3c, Seattle, Wash., February 11.  
1089—Architects 3c, New York, N. Y., February 23.

CANADA  
March 7—Four Recreation stamps 5c each. (Details in Linn's edition of Feb. 18)

UNITED NATIONS  
April 8—3c and 8c UN Emergency Force.  
May 27—4c Airmail stamp, 4c postal card.  
Oct. 24—3c and 8c UN Day.  
Dec. 10—3c and 8c Human Rights Day.

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10N210-11 .06	10N253-54 .06	10N2915-6 .15	47	.30	115-17	.80	149	.15
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10N213 .05	10N259 .04	10N2921 .18	50	.80	119	.27	152	.10
10N214-15 .08	10N259-64 .30	10N2921a .60	51	3.25	120-21	.33	152	.10
10N216-23A .25	10N264a .90	10N2922-5 .22	52	.25	122-24	.35	153	.13
10N224-25 .07	10N272-77 .85	10N2927 .05	57	.17	125	.12	154	.35
10N226 .05	10N278-79 .25	10N2928 .80	70	.30	126-27	.48	155	.12
10N228a .60	10N280-83 .40	10N2928 .80	70	.30	128	.14	156	.12
10N227-30 .16	10N284-85 .25	10N2927 .05	71	.15	130	.15	157-59	.40
10N231-32 .10	10N286-87 .08	10N2918-27 .70	72-73	1.20	131-33	.40	160	.12
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**CARL P. RUETH**

Almost every day I have reason to wonder if people actually recognize and remember the things which they see and read. That curiosity is brought on by two frequent questions from subscribers — what are the dates of the coming stamp issues — why don't you print the Bureau Report on plate numbers?

In answer to the first, I'd like to point out that on page four each week we print the 1957 Stamp Program which lists the stamps to come and the dates on which they will be released (if the POD has released that information). It also contains the stamps already issued, the dates when they were, and the first day cities.

Once in a great while it won't be on page four, but it will be somewhere in the paper. We put the information there at the earliest possible moment it is received from the Post Office Department. Besides that, we also have a substantial news coverage on the new stamps to come, and how one can obtain first day covers.

As to the plate number report, that is given immediately when it is received from the POD. As for instance you will find the one about Bureau of Engraving and Printing postage stamp plate activity in this edition, for January 1957.

We have always printed that report and have never missed one yet. However, we can't print it until the Post Office Department sends it to us and for that reason might not appear every certain number of weeks.

Just remember we are fully conscious of your desire for philatelic news and we do all things possible to get it to you. But those of you who ask the questions stated above must remember to keep your eyes open.

1. A commem picture the ship "New Netherland". Which one?
2. What commem picture the S. S. Dorchester?

This is the last chance you will have to submit a ballot in the 9th Annual Design Derby. The polls close at midnight on February 28. As soon thereafter as possible the results will be given. So if you haven't gotten in to this "battle of the x's" you are invited to do so at once.

**9TH ANNUAL DESIGN DERBY**

	1st	2nd	3rd
Franklin			
Washington			
FIPEX 3c			
Wild Turkey			
Antelope			
Salmon			
Pure Food			
Wheatland			
Labor Day			
Nassau Hall			
Devils Tower			
Childrens			
Mt. Vernon 1 1/2c			
Wilson 7c			
Alamo 9c			
Ind. Hall 10c			
Monticello 20c			
Hamilton \$5			

**Worst Design**

Stamp Least Reason To Be Issued

**Best Design Not Considering Color**

Send this to Carl P. Rueth, Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio.

You can use the ballot printed herewith, make a facsimile, or write off your selections on a postal card. However, do vote.

Here is the way I see the stamps of 1956—

**Best Design** — 1st "Wheatland"; 2nd 1 1/2c "Mount Vernon"; 3rd "Labor Day".

**Worst Design** — Children's Friendship.

**Stamp Least Reason To Be Issued** — Children's Friendship.

**Best Design Not Considering**

**Color — Wheatland.**

While I have chosen the Children's Friendship as the Worst design, I would rate four other ones in the "ultra-horrible" class right along with it — Polio, Pure Food, Booker T. Washington and Franklin.

Better than average designs besides the top three are the Devils Tower, Antelope, Wild Turkey, 9c Alamo, 10c Independence Hall and 20c Monticello.

I think the Devils Tower, Antelope and Nassau Hall would have been helped considerably by some other colors, especially the latter which has an otherwise good picture.

George A. Hildenberger of Bethlehem, Pa., has what seems a legitimate "beef" against his local mail mill. Says he asked for several sheets of one of the new commems and was given his order from a quantity which had been sent to the p.o. rolled up in a tube. Now, says Mr. Hildenberger, he can't get the curve out of them which means that there will probably be a lot of separation at the perfs.

I have never heard of this method of delivering the stamps. It could be that Bethlehem only gets fifty panes of each new stamp, which is half a pad, and the easiest way to send them is in a tube.

If that is so, it would seem that Bethlehem is a large enough post office to be able to stock a full pad of 100 panes. Our Sidney, Ohio postmaster always gets at least 200 panes of each new commem and has no trouble getting rid of them. And we're only a town of 13,000.

Incidentally, there was an error of transposition in the chart of 1955 and 1956 stamp statistics which appeared on page 2 of the February 11 edition.

If you will switch the figures beneath the "FDC's" and "Stamps 1st Day" columns, you will have the correct ones. You will then have 350,625 first day covers, and 653,528 stamps sold the first day.

With the February edition of the National Highway Post Office Society's bulletin members received a nice bonus. It was a "Index of Highway Post Office Routes" starting with the very first of February 10, 1941, and ending with the 189th of January 27, 1957.

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## Toys Pictured On The Stamps Of Japan

Col. Werner F. Bowers

In addition to the westernized doll and dog depicted on the 1.20 yen brown stamp (Scott #382) issued in 1947 to celebrate the reopening of foreign trade, the stamps and postal stationery of Japan have pictured eight different children's toys. The two yen scarlet (Scott #424) New Year Stamp of 1948 shows a little girl playing hanetsuki with battledore and shuttlecock while the 1951 New Year card (2 plus 1 yen) shows a decorated battledore. This traditional New Year's game for girls dates from the Muromachi period (1392 - 1568) and the battledore or hagoita was of plain wood until the Edo period about 1830.

Since then the hagoita has been made in very deluxe form with has relief dolls to represent stage celebrities and other national figures. This game formerly was called oibane or feather chase and is a primitive form of badminton without a net. The girl who misses the most shots has her face smudged with charcoal or white powder.

The shuttlecock originally was made of soap-berries or tea-berries with feathers stuck into them and since the shuttlecock seems to resemble a mosquito, the game is played as a charm against these insects. The hagoita has become a traditional New Year's gift even among men and I have a very elaborate one presented to me by the Professor of Surgery of Tokyo Imperial University in 1947.

The 2 plus 1 yen New Year's card of 1952 pictures the kite traditionally flown by Japanese boys at New Year time. These kites, usually showing some famous warrior or other national hero, were made in various sizes up to 20 or 30 feet in diameter and often were in elaborate shapes.

Tako-gassen or kite fighting has been a favorite sport in Japan since ancient times, the object being to entangle and break the string of the opponent. Some fighters attached knife blades to their kites and strings to facilitate the attack.



The Samba doll is depicted on the 5 yen carmine New Year's stamp of 1953 (Scott #576). This type of doll originated in Kyoto several hundred years ago and depicts a very chubby child in the Samba costume of the "third old man" in a traditional New Year's Noh play. The dance is performed by an adult although the doll is always shown as child.

Formerly, every Samba doll or mask had its tongue thrust out in accordance with the greatest obeisance performed in Tibet from whence this character originated.



The 5 yen rose New Year's stamp of 1954 (Scott #594) pictures Miha-rugoma, one of the most famous of the Japanese legendary on historical toys. Miha-rugoma or Mi-haru horse comes from the city of that name. In the 14th year of the Enryaku Era (782), General Sakanoue-no-Tamuramaro prayed at Kiyomizu-dera (Scott #367, etc.) before leading his forces against the rebel Otakimaru. The priest Entin, founder of this Buddhist temple was carving images and with the left-over material he made one hundred small saddle-horses as a farewell gift to the General who put them in his armour case.

At a critical junction in the ensuing battle, the hundred horses leaped out of the case and routed the enemy camp. Afterward, only one horse could be found and a villager carved ninety-nine to complete the hundred. The remaining horse disappeared and the villager handed down the ninety-nine wooden ones to posterity to commemorate this event.

Continuing the toy precedent, the New Year stamp of 1955 (Scott #606, 5 yen black and red) pictures a Daruma rolypoly doll. These dolls have weighted bases so that they always return to an upright position. They are called okiagari-koboshi (the little priest who rises up) and thus typify "you knock me down—I always rise again" or success after undaunted struggle.

Some of these dolls are of the engi or exorcist-magic type, being used to ensure successful silk cul-

ture or an abundant harvest of the "five cereals".

Certain areas make a white Daruma but usually they are red. One variety painted with pine, bamboo and plum design is placed in the dresser (tansu) at marriage, is used as a New Year's gift, or as a present to a sick person. By transfer magic this ensures success and recovery. During oc-

cupation days in Japan the rolypolys were seen everywhere as a subtle reminder that the occupation was temporary and Japan would ultimately rise again.

Some Daruma rolypolys are shown with blank spaces for eyes and when some venture is completed successfully, an eye is painted in.

To commemorate the 15th Congress of the International Chamber of Commerce in Tokyo 16 - 21, May

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Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
1	#10 VF	3.00
2	#11 & Boyds 2011 tied on by NEW YORK canc.	?
3	#11 tied on piece by green Somerville, N. J.	?
4	#11 tied on piece by black Eastern R.R. canc. VF	?
5	#11 tied on piece by black NEW YORK Paid	?
6	1856 canc. F	?
7	#11 7 nice covers	?
8	#11 Cover tied on by New Brunswick, N. J.	?
9	1847-1879 8 diff. 6 defects	69.50
10	#211, 58, 113, 114 & 179. All VF	7.45
11	#211 well cent. blue canc.	9.00
12	#211 cent. left	8.00
13	#78 St. edge on right, fine app.	6.50
14	#93 tied on piece by red N.Y.C. foreign mail canc. VF	5.80
15	#94-7 copies, one ultramarine canc. F	5.80
16	#99 inv. tear, few perf. miss. Fine app.	7.00
17	#229 tiny tear, corner perf. miss. Fine app.	50.00
18	131 stamps in booklet mostly 1875 period.	7.50
19	Unusual canc.	MB
20	#211 & 215, 2 copies of each, F-VF	3.50
21	26 diff. reg. issues between #219-309. VG-VF	10.07
22	#260 VG-F	7.00
23	#272 (20), 26 (23), 302 (16) & 324 (32).	26.38
24	100 stamps mostly defect or at edge	3.75
25	#233 cent. rt. slight stain	3.75
26	#299 F	4.10
27	#408, 409, 481 & 577	5.50
28	PL. NO. BLK. #409	3.50
29	#547 F-VF	5.80
30	#614-616 VF	6.00
31	#620-621 VF	5.90
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34	Souvenir Sheets #730 & 731	4.25
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37	BLK. #771	6.60
38	5 diff. PL. BLKS. bet. #811-829 VF	5.45
39	8 diff. PL. BLKS. bet. #811-831 VF	15.65
40	9 diff. PL. BLKS. 1948 F-VF	Ret. 3.46
41	2 PL. BLKS. 8c Rotary #1066	Ret. 1.87
42	10 diff. PL. BLKS. recent VF	?

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46	PL. BLK. of 6 #C20 VF	4.00
47	PL. BLKS. #C21 & C22 VF	8.00
48	#C26-C28 & C30 4 PL. BLKS. VF	7.65
49	#C46 2 PL. BLKS. VF	12.00
50	#PA1 2 PL. BLKS. Cert. Mail VF	Ret. 4.00
51	#E2-E19 Spec. Del. F-VF	18.24
52	#Q1-Q10 (Q10 pin perf.) F-VF	10.05
53	20 hand painted covers. Period 1938-40. Nice lot	?
54	7 diff. Edison covers 1929. FDC, mourning etc. Est. 7.50	?
55	10 covers 1926-1929. FDC some cacheted	Est. 7.75
56	#649 & 650, 2 covers green canc.	Est. 4.00

The following FDC's are mostly all clean unaddressed cacheted covers.

Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
56	41 covers 1925-46 inc. #893 sing. #894 blk	Est. 22.65
57	13 covers 1948 inc. Palomar PL. BLK.	Ret. 5.45
58	13 diff. hi val. 55 Liberty series	Ret. 17.14
59	12 covs. 6 diff. in sing. & BLKS. Liberty series Ret.	8.35
60	#1043-1046	Ret. 5.70
61	34 covers mostly BLKS & prs. 1947 to date	Ret. 15.05
62	21 diff. recent	Ret. 5.10
63	15 diff. inc. blk. recent	Ret. 4.60
64	19 diff. blk. recent	?
65	8 Cert. Mail with diff. combinations	?
66	67 covers inc. First Flights, First Trips etc.	?
67	very nice lot	?

### COLLECTIONS AND LARGE LOTS

Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
68	263 diff. comms. on White Ace pgs. and in "Ms. 1909-54 selected cent. throughout	Ret. 63.00+
69	97 diff. PL. Blks. on White Ace Pgs. and in PM's Comms. and Airs. Selected centering throughout	Ret. 28.50+
70	365 mostly all diff. 1894 to date. Fine lot	94.50+
71	#PNI-PN18, 457 stamps in var. quant.	30.05
72	Over 6 oz. off paper. Comms. & airs only. This lot cont. Parks to 10c. 80c air, flags, blk.	?
73	1 LB. comms. on paper, mostly recent	?
74	Philippines, 146 stps. mostly all diff. 1899-1953.	40.00+

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Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
75	Gr. Brit. Coll. 256 stps. mostly all diff. Majority 19th cent. Mint & used. Some with minor flaws.	150.00+
76	#3 Guide line through value. VF	?
77	#28 Perf. just touch at bottom F	5.00
78	#67 PL. 11. cent. rt. small thin	7.00
79	#68 F87 canc. Smyrna one perf. Miss. nice app.	?
80	#127 on piece Br. Post Office Smyrna cancel VF	?
81	#154A Aniline Scarlet. F	?

Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
82	#179 well cent. No Gum	4.50
83	#179-181 VF	8.25
84	#204 F	3.50
85	#210 on Mourning cover dated Jan. 28, 1936. VF	?
86	#249A (31), 250 (8), 251 (3), total 42 stamps F-VF	10.45
87	#274 (33) & 279 (20) total stamps 53 F-VF	14.25
88	92 FDC's Coronations etc. Majority of covers have 3 to 5 stamps one cover. All cacheted, clean with many special cachets in multicolor	?

### BRITISH COLONIES

Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
89	Over 3,000 stamps. Most col. rep. some duplicat.	172.00+
90	Over 600 stamps some duplication nice lot	64.45
91	121 stamps hi val. pict. only	63.90
92	144 var. nice lot	26.27
93	125 stamps. 105 var. Pict. etc.	37.00
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### CANADA

Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
98	Collection on Narabo pgs. 90 diff. 1859-1943. nice lot. Mint & used	51.31
99	#15 cent. rt. 2 short perfs. Blk numeral 4 canc.	15.00
100	#15 cent. rt. no gum	13.50
101	#158 F-VF	2.50
102	#211-216, 2 stps. thinned	3.10
103	#249-262 Cpl. VF-S NH	Min Bid 5.50
104	#325-330 PL. BLKS of 4 F-VF	?
105	#C1-C4 F-VF	6.80
106	#E1-E10, 7 stamps F-VF	6.50
107	Covers 14 FDC's 1951-55, 2 with PL. BLKS. cacheted	?
108	550 stamps, 150 var. val. up to \$1	42.71

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Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
109	coll. on Narabo pgs. 90 diff. 1868-1939. early issues well rep.	47.50
110	#144 very well cent. cor. perf. short	15.00
111	#106, 107 & 108 F-VF	9.70
112	#125 sl. crease 2 perfs short well cent.	5.00
113	#170 VF	3.50
114	#170 VF	3.50
115	#171 VF	3.50
116	#177 VF	3.50
117	#185 VF per 13 1/2	?
118	#198 F	6.00
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121	Belgium #1 F	3.50
122	Belgium #2 F	3.50
123	Belgium #3 F	3.50
124	Belgium #4 F	3.50
125	Bulgaria #6-11 VF	10.25
126	Czechoslovakia #B141 & B142 tied on piece by FD cancel VF	5.25+
127	#C7-9 VF	4.00
128	Denmark #315 50 sets	7.50
129	Denmark #B3-5 VF	3.10
130	Denmark #B14 VF	6.00
131	Denmark #B15-17 F-VF	23.50
132	France #C18 (30), C19 (16) 46 stamps F-VF	4.25
133	8 Sov. sheets Germany & Czech. VF	8.55
134	Hungary #482-497 VF	7.50
135	Israel 96 stamps prac. all diff. some have small things. Inc. #14, 44-46 used, C13-15 mint	?
136	Liberia #327 VF	2.50
137	Liechtenstein #94-97, 99-103 VF	5.45
138	Mexico #C86 VF	7.50
139	Netherlands #B48, 54-57 & 66-69 VF	8.55
140	Nicaragua #C280, 281 & 292, 7 of ea. VF	8.10
141	Norway #B3 VF	8.50
142	Switzerland #284 (64), 285 (107) & 286 (162) total 330 stps. F-VF	43.94
143	Swiss. #B2-17 F-VF	10.43
144	Swiss. semi postals 72 diff. VF	11.21
145	Swiss. semi postals 48 stamps F-VF	6.38
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**Liechtenstein Plans Fourth Sports Set**

Probably before the end of June Liechtenstein will release its fourth annual series of Sports stamps. There will be four values in the set, their exact nature having not been revealed at this time.

Joachim Dill of Bad Neustadt, Germany advises that the first set appeared on May 18, 1954 with football designs; the second on June 14, 1955, devoted to mountaineering and skiing; third on June 21, 1956, field games. What this upcoming fourth series' designs will be has not been made known.

Mr. Dill has received a letter from Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt, relative to the general postmarking of UN armed forces mail. Gen. Burns advises that due to a lack of postal facilities, mail is flown to Naples, Italy by plane and cancelled there with a distinctive cancellation.

**TOYS PICTURED (Continued from page 6)**

paper carp of Boy's Day. These paper carp also are pictured on Scott #620, a 5 yen light blue and black stamp issued to commemorate World Children's Day on May 5, 1956.



On the fifth day of the fifth month each year every family raises a balloon-like paper carp from the roof, on a pole in the garden. There is a fish for each son, ranging from a monster fifteen feet or more in length for the eldest, to a tiny one for a newborn baby boy. This is a traditional prayer that the sons may be brave and strong like the carp which has high mettle and fearless courage. The carp often is shown leaping up a waterfall and it is well known that when laid on the carving board and touched with the flat of the knife, the carp ceases to move as if resigned to its fate. This is the kind of composure with which a samurai was expected to face death.

Furthermore, the carp once came up out of the water and led the fleet of Empress Jingu across the strait in her successful expedition against Korea. The carp-flying custom originated over 250 years

ago and continues today.



In November of 1955 Japan issued a 10 yen gray, pale brown, red, green and black stamp (Scott #616) to celebrate Philatelic Week as well as the 150th Anniversary of Utamaro, one of the famous wood-block print artists. This stamp pictures a girl blowing a glass toy called biidoro which is a corruption of the Portuguese word vidro meaning glass. The toy is a flute introduced into Japan when glass was a novelty. The picture is a replica of a famous wood-block print by Utamaro (1753 - 1806) who rates with Japan's three top artists in this field.



The latest "toy stamp" is Scott #617, a 5 yen olive green and red stamp issued for New Year 1956. It shows two kokeshi dolls typical of north eastern Japan. These dolls of painted wood have no arms nor legs and one type has the head on a movable neck which speaks when twisted.

These are called Kina-kina-nyo from the squeaky noise which is made. Although they are children's playthings, they also are offered by childless wives at the Shrine as a charm to bring children. As always, the stamps of Japan are rich in symbolism and folk-lore so that their study is a continuing source of pleasure.

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**Minnesota Statehood Stamp Design Sought**

The St. Paul, Minn. Pioneer Press claims that the first item of business of the newly-created Minnesota Centennial Stamp Committee is to conduct a contest to determine a suitable design for the stamp celebrating the 100th anniversary of Minnesota statehood.

Minnesota was admitted as a state on May 11, 1858. The first day of issue will probably occur on May 11, 1958.

Henry W. Hill, committee chairman, said "The committee is pleased with the assurance by federal postal officials that Minnesota will have a stamp for this historic occasion.

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Although they appear to be overshadowed by the more common issues of the regular Liberty series, next to commemoratives the airmails are very popular in plate block collecting. This is best seen when a new airmail stamp comes out. The hustle and bustle is even greater with these stamps than on the commemoratives, mainly because they are far more difficult to obtain.

The reason for this is that airmail stamps can not be used for anything other than airmail postal service. Since surface mail is still, by far, more predominant, as compared with airmail service, fewer airmail stamps are in use. Thus this makes the plate block more difficult to obtain than that of the commemorative or regular issue.

It also follows that the average number of impressions obtained from two plate numbers will go a long way and last a long time in airmail stamps.

Here is some proof that will show how many plate numbers were used on the current small 6c airmail stamp, Scott No. C39, with the Skymaster Plane, which came out in 1949. To date eighteen plate numbers have gone to press, sixteen of these already had widespread circulation while the last two have recently come off the press and should soon be in many post offices.

23973	23974	23975	23976
23977	23978	23979	23985
23986	24031	24042	24043
24550	24551	24859	24860
25340	25341		

Of course in between we have had several commemorative 6c airmails which still does not add up to a great total of 6c airmail stamps used. On the commemoratives, normally the number of impressions is far less, per plate number, than on the regular issues. When an airmail stamp is issued as a commemorative, it is far more popular than the regular airmail stamp, to wit:

6c Alexandria, C40, 1949, six plate numbers.

24083	24084	24085
24086	24087	24088

6c Wright Bros., C45, 1949, four plate numbers.

24156	24157	24158	24159
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6c Aviation's 50th Anniversary, C49, six plate numbers.

24781	24782	24783
24784	24785	24786

Thus we find that since 1949, on the 6c airmail stamp, we have had to date, 16 plate numbers on the regular 6c one and 16 plate numbers from three other commemorative airmail stamps. There is also the difference that the commemorative airmails have been 50 stamps to the pane, which is common, while on the regular there are 100, which is also common. The enthusiasm displayed in pursuit of airmail plate blocks comes in spurts, usually around the time when either the new stamp comes out, or in the case of the regular issue, when two additional plate numbers are added.

Generally when speaking of airmail stamps, or plate blocks, the immediate thing that comes to mind is the 6c denomination. Most frequently when a new airmail is released it is the 6c denomination, which in this field is as popular as the 3c denomination on surface mail. Likewise, on the commemoratives, the common denomination would be the 6c airmail, which is used for one ounce of postage.

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To give you some idea of how much use there is for these, we find that the 10c came out in 1947 and to date only two plate numbers have been in circulation.

This is the 10c Pan American, C34, 1947.

	23693	23694	
15c	Statue of Liberty, C35, 1947.		
	23683	23684	23685
	24505	24584	24585
25c	San Francisco Bridge, C36, 1947.		
	23667	23668	23669
	23670	23671	23672

In 1952 we added one more airmail stamp, an 80c denomination. Along about that time airmail parcel post was introduced, with special rates lower than first class airmail rates so that small packages need not be plastered with a lot of small denominations. To date three plate numbers have been issued to this 80c Honolulu, Hawaii, C46, of 1952.

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On a 60mk will be shown the fortress castle of Olavinlinna. It will be issued on April 7 in a violet color.

Both were designed by Olavi Vepsäläinen. The 50mk was engraved by B. Ekholm and the 60mk by S. Ronnberg.

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Japan's stamps are not wont to boast of their agriculture and industrial accomplishments. Generally, they have shown native culture, or appealed to patriotic impulses, although they do not ignore the very real achievements of that country's economy. Rice harvesting can be viewed on #258; #328 shows a shipyard; a locomotive is seen on #347; #358 depicts a coal mine; #392, whaling; #431 suggests the vast Japanese textile industry; while #442 shows a blast furnace.

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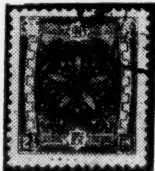
The 3 and 10 fen stamps on this cover (first and third from left) show an orchid spray in the left panel, and a Chrysanthemum in the right. The other two, 1/2 and 6 fen (same design), have the Orchid Crest in the top left of the design and an evergreen tree at the foot of Mt. Fuji. The fancy cancellation notes the visit of the Emperor to Tokyo, April 2, 1935.

The Flora Of The  
Stamps Of Manchukuo

Helen K. Zirkle

In the fall of 1934 it became desirable to have a national flower and crest of Manchukuo similar to the chrysanthemum crest of the parent country, Japan. Something would be needed for the identification of the China Mail stamps issued January 1, 1935 on which no country name could be printed; and a flower would be a pleasant symbol when occasion arose to show accord between Manchukuo and Japan.

Why the orchid was chosen for this is a mystery as it is not native to Manchuria. Orchids (Cymbidium) are seen in South China and are grown indoors in North China, but have no direct connection with the areas covered by the state of Manchukuo. Who was the original designer of the orchid crest is unknown, but the first stamps to bear it are the first China Mail series (Minkus 57-60, Scott 62-5). Their designer is Hirozo Oya.



The "Orchid Crest" used as the main design on a China Mail stamp.

The best illustration of the natural orchid is on the 3 and 10 fen stamps of the set issued April 2, 1935 to honor the visit of the Emperor of Manchukuo to Tokyo (Minkus 69, 71; Scott 72, 74). Here we have an orchid spray in the left panel, a chrysanthemum to the right, signifying the friendship between Manchukuo and Japan.

To the casual glance, the orchid may look like an iris. Hence, there was some question that the plant symbolizing Manchukuo was misnamed and that this error persisted because botanists did not happen to notice it. Also, the iris is native to Manchuria and the inhabitants are familiar with it.

It has been assumed that the orchid crest is a stylized version of the inside of an orchid flower looked at from above. Dr. Ogura, Professor Emeritus of Botany of the University of Tokyo, recognized that this could not be so (Kitte Shumi, Vol. 27, No. 3, in Japanese), as orchid petals come in multiples of three, never five. His conclusion was that the designer simply allowed himself artistic license to make a good pattern. There was no question in Japan about it being an iris. It was supposed to be an orchid.

Dr. H.L. Li, Taxonomist of the Morris Arboretum, University of Pennsylvania, has produced an explanation which would account for the design, stylized though it is, and would permit the crest to be an orchid without going contrary to botanical definitions—namely, that the design is not that of an orchid flower seen from above but of an orchid plant. Five leaves separate five stems each containing five unopened flower buds. This would fall into the realm of botanical possibility and we are left with our orchid crest.



The "Orchid Crest" is to be seen at top center. In the design is an apple tree, and underneath baskets of apples and grapes.

The discussion of the orchid has run into such length because it not only appears in the stamp designs of Manchukuo but on all its designs after Jan. 1, 1935 (except Minkus 69, 71, 72, 74, and Scott A12 and A14), top center usually, as a distinguishing symbol. It is interesting to note that the floral crests of both Manchukuo and Japan are on Minkus' design 73, 75 and Scott's A15. Other botanical specimens on the stamps of Manchukuo are listed below with a few comments, hoping that this will be of assistance to those making topical collections in the subject.

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### MANCHUKUO FLORA (Continued from page 10)

Popular Name	Latin Name
chrysanthemum	Chrysanthemum hortorum
Kaoliang	sorghum vulgare
laurel	Aucuba japonica
orchid	Cymbidium sp.
soya beans	Glycine Max

Scott Design No.	Minkus Design No.	Popular Name
A1, 7	1-11, 40-49	Kaoliang
A2, 3, 5, 8	12-18, 19, 21, 32, 34, 50-56	laurel
A4	20, 22	soya beans
A9	T57	orchid (crest)
A10	T58	evergreen trees
The dominant conifer in the Sacred White Mountains is Dahurian larch (Larix gmelini) but here they are not parches. They might be spruce or fir. This comment applies also to the tree on A11.		
A11	68, 70	evergreen
A12	69, 71	orchid
A16, 17, 18, 19, AP1, AP2	76, 79, 81, 86, 90, 94	Kaoliang
A21	111	soya beans
A22	112, 114	orchid
A23	113, 115	Kaoliang
A25	117, 118	laurel
A26	119, 121	soya beans
A41	141	orchid
		apple tree
		apples, grapes, much cultivated in Manchuria.

Two articles may be of supplementary interest to collectors of botanical specimens on stamps:  
Jarvis, Vivian H. *Floral Designs on Japanese Stamps*, appearing in 3 parts in *Japanese Philately*, Vol. VIII, No. 3, pp 62-3; No. 4, pp 81-2; No. 5 pp 101, 101a 102a and 102b.  
Zirkle, H.K. and Mishima, Y. *Designing and Printing the Stamps of Manchukuo*. *American Philatelist*, Sept., pp. 973-6.  
Without the expert knowledge and kind help of the following gentlemen, the mystery of the orchid crest could not have been fathomed: Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr., Director of the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. H. L. Li, Taxonomist of the Morris Arboretum; Dr. Ogura, Professor Emeritus of Botany of the University of Tokyo; Dr. Y. Mishima, Assistant Professor at the University of Tokyo, acted in a liaison capacity. The time and interest spent by these busy people is greatly appreciated not only in connection with the orchid but in the general identification of the plants on the stamps of Manchukuo.

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All members of the International Society for Japanese Philately, and all others interested in the postage stamps of Japan, and particularly those whose knowledge of Japanese is insufficient to glean much from the Japanese-language publications, are awaiting with interest the appearance of the forthcoming "Specialized Catalogue of Japan and Offices Abroad", under preparation by Robert M. Spaulding, Jr.

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#5 5c	.10	.35	.45	.10	
#6 10c	.17	.60	.75	.20	
#7 15c	.22	.85	1.20	.25	
#8 20c	.30	1.10	1.30	.30	
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## The Overprinted Issues Of Japanese Malaya

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During the Japanese occupation of Malaya (1942-1945), the stamps of the Straits Settlements and those of each Malayan state were overprinted with various devices, chiefly to reaffirm their postal validity, sometimes to alter their face value. The varieties of stamps thus overprinted are recorded in numerous handbooks and catalogues (with, however, many discrepancies and contradictions). Because of the number of stamps involved, and the often chaotic arrangement of the listings it is difficult even for experienced collectors to see the forest for the trees. The present article ignores individual stamps and is designed solely to present an over-all outline of the overprinted stamps.

First, a table showing the fourteen principal kinds of overprints and the issues on which they occur. The symbol **O** indicates an overprint on an ordinary stamp; the symbol **X** refers to an overprint on a postage due stamp. "M.P.U." stands for "Malayan Postal Union"; stamps with this inscription were used (1935-1942) in the Straits Settlements, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, and Selangor.

	DOUBLE-LINE CHOP	SINGLE-LINE CHOP	UCHIBORI SEAL	OKUGAWA SEAL	SUNAKAWA SEAL	HANDA SEAL	MALACCA SEAL	DAI NIPPON	2602	2602 PENANG	2602 MALAYA	YUBIN	NEW VALUE	KANJI OVERPRINT	RED CROSS
Straits St	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
"M.P.U."		X						X		X					
Johore		X							O					O	X
Kedah									O						
Kelantan			O		O	O							O		
Negri Semb			O							O			O	O	
Pahang			O							O			O	O	
Perak			O							O	O	O	O	O	
Selangor			O							O	O	O	O	O	
Trengganu	O	X								O	X			O	

Second, a few explanatory notes on these categories of overprints and the period of their application.

#### A. THE MALAYA CHOPS.

Overprinted with a seal (which Western writers insist upon calling a "chop") containing Japanese characters which read "Marai Gunseibu Yusei Kyoku In" (Malayan Military Administration Postal Services Bureau Seal).

A1 DOUBLE-LINE FRAME - 3 types in red or black. 16 March 1942.

A2 SINGLE-LINE FRAME - 9 types, possibly more, in red, black, brown, or violet. 3 April 1942 according to most accounts, but Hsu (see below) says 20 April 1942.

#### B. THE PERSONAL SEALS

Overprint with the personal seal of four Japanese officers, containing their surnames in Japanese characters:

B1. UCHIBORI. 30 March 1942 (Adgey-Edgar originated the wholly erroneous spelling *Ichiburi*; most other writers have either repeated his error or made only a half-correction such as *Ichibori*).

B2. UKUGAWA. 30 March 1942. (Though usually said to have followed the Uchibori overprint, these stamps are found on first-day covers of 30 March 1942, either alone or in combination with Uchibori-overprinted stamps.)

B3. SUNAKAWA. 2 types. June 1942 (?). Occurs in combination with a new value overprint (D5). (Adgey-Edgar originated the wholly erroneous spelling *Sumagawa* and many other writers have repeated this error. The G is phonetically permissible as a variant for the K, but the substitution of M for N is completely incorrect.)

B4. June 1942. Occurs in combination with a new-value overprint (D5). (Adgey-Edgar originated the erroneous spelling *Honda*, which other writers have repeated.)

#### C. THE MALACCA SEAL

Overprint with a seal covering a block of four stamps, containing the Japanese characters which read "Gunseibu Marakka Shu Seicho no In" (Seal of the Malacca State Government Office of the Military Administration). In shades of red. 23 April 1942.

#### D. THE ROMAN-LETTER OVERPRINTS.

Overprints in romaji or Roman letters:

D1. "DAI NIPPON 2602" - Several types, in black or red. 26 May 1942.

D2 "DAI NIPPON 2602 PENANG" In red or black. Date uncertain; not later than 29 May 1942.

D3 "DAI NIPPON 2602 MALAYA" In black. June 1942.

D4 "DAI NIPPON YUBIN" (Great Japan Postage). In black. 18 November 1942 according to Hsu; most accounts give 6 or 7 December 1942.

D5 NEW VALUE OVERPRINTS of various types, consisting of a new value in numerals only, or with "CENTS", or "Cents" or "cts", preceded by a numeral, in black or red. May to December 1942. On Kelantan stamps, found either alone or with the Sunakawa or Handa seal; on Johore, found with DAI NIPPON 2602; on Perak, found with DAI NIPPON 2602 MALAYA; on Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, and Selangor found with the KANJI OVERPRINT (see below).

#### E. THE KANJI OVERPRINT.

Overprint with five kanji (Japanese characters) in one line, vertical except on Selangor, where it is sometimes horizontal; reads "Dai Nippon Yubin" in black or red. December 1942 or January 1943. All of the Malayan overprints except those listed under "D" are in kanji, but by well-established convention, the term "Kanji Overprint" in the case of Malayan occupation issues refers only to this type.

#### F. THE "RED-CROSS" OVERPRINT.

Overprint in Japanese characters, in three horizontal lines, read-

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**CHINESE BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE.** The winter jamboree of Chinese Boy Scouts was held at Chang Hoa, Formosa from February 6 to 16. The postal officials supplied cachets which can be seen on these covers. Both are in red. The circular one has the Scout handclasp before the Scout emblem, while the triangular-shaped one just has the emblem. Howard T. H. Ang, P. O. Box 10, Puli, Formosa sent the covers.

**BUREAU REPORT FOR JANUARY 1957**

A rather ordinary month seems to have occurred at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as it concerns the activity relative to new plates for postage stamps. This is evidenced by the report which the Post Office Department has prepared detailing activity for the month of January 1957. Numbers assigned to plates are —

C & GS 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 25621-2-3-4.  
Architects 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 25625-6-7-8.  
Liberty 2c coil, 384 subject plates, numbered 25629-30.  
Airmail 80c (1952), 200 subject plates, numbered 25631-2.  
Postage Due 1/2c, 400 subject plates, numbered 25633-4.  
Postage Due 1c, 400 subject plates, numbered 25635-6.  
Postage Due 2c, 400 subject plates, numbered 25637-8.

The following are the plates which were sent to press for the first time in January and printed from —

Liberty 3c coil, 384 subject plates, numbered 25617-8.  
Liberty 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25546, 25548, 25550-1-2, 25555.

C & GS 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 25621-2-3-4.  
Architects 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 25625-6-7-8.

Nine plates were retired from further use. All of them have given a large quantity of impressions making scarce numbers improbable. These are:

22809, 22810 — 2c Postage Due.  
25576 - Liberty 3c coil, 384 subject plate.  
25523, 25525, 25538-9, 25516, 25527 - Liberty 3c regular. Plate No. 25527 was never certified for use and was retired without rendering any impressions.

**OVERPRINTED ISSUES**  
(Continued from page 12)

ing "Dai Nippon", "Marai Yubin", and a new value. Three types, in red. 16 December 1944. Most accounts of this overprint are ambiguous or illogical, and the full story is still unknown. It is generally believed that these stamps were for use on certain types of mail addressed to neutral or enemy countries and forwarded through the International Red Cross in Geneva (hence the name "Red Cross" overprint).

The term "Adgey-Edgar" in the above account refers to the earliest and best-known English-language handbook of Japanese Occupation issues, *Catalogue of Imperial Japanese Overprints and Issues in Occupied British Territories*, by W. H. Adgey-Edgar. As a pioneer effort, this handbook was an invaluable and very admirable work. Unfortunately it contains numerous errors (only a few of which are cited above), and subsequent writers and editors (e.g. those of the Gibbons catalogue) have perpetuated these errors by uncritically accepting as gospel anything which Adgey-Edgar asserted, no matter how easily it could be disproved.

The finest handbook on Malayan occupation issues (though by no means infallible or the last word on the subject), is *The Postage Stamps of Japanese Occupied Malaya*, by Hsu Yun-tsiang, published in 1948 by the Singapore South Seas Society but never placed on general sale and therefore not usually available to collectors. Hsu's work is scholarly, thorough and filled with information not found anywhere else. We regard it as being much more reliable than Adgey-Edgar or the later handbooks such as Dalal, Hedeman-Boekema and Fujita (Billig's Handbook XVI) which borrowed heavily from Adgey-Edgar without correcting his many mistakes.

**Editor's Note.** It is noted that even The New World-Wide Postage Stamp Catalog, 1956 Edition, published by Minkus Publications, Inc. makes reference to "... control mark of two (Handa) or three (Suma gama) characters." These seals are both two-character seals and it is SUNAKAWA and not SUMA GAMA.

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Concluding our comments on the Cayman Islands, here are some noteworthy varieties: Scott Nos. 1 and 2 exist in light as well as deep shades. The deep shade of the 1/2d is the better one, while the light shade of the 1d has the edge.

In case you are burning with curiosity over what Scott No. 20a is worth, Gibbons quotes \$140. Two shades of No. 31 are known, neither is scarce, but the gray brown is more common than the brown. Gibbons lists not less than four different papers of Scott No. 37: they are, in order, scarcest to most common: yellow (1920), pale yellow (1920), lemon (1915) and orange buff (1920). Though none retails for more than \$1.25 it would be quite a feat to assemble all four colors side by side. Just try it!

The 3d of the next design, Scott No. 64 (with Multiple Crown & CA watermark) is usually on orange-buff paper, but if your copy should happen to be on pale-yellow paper instead, you have a scarce variety worth \$7.50. The "different-color paper" game continues with Scott No. 67 which is usually found printed in yellow-green on pale-yellow, or in deep-green on orange-buff paper. Should you be fortunate enough to ever see a blue-green copy on pale-yellow, don't hesitate to pay full Scott for a mint and up to three times Scott for a used copy!

Scott No. 58 is known in claret and in deep claret, the latter shade easily worth \$2. Collectors of perforation varieties have a field day with the first King George VI set of 1938. The key stamp in this issue is the 2/- which sells for close to \$2.00 in England although Scott continues to quote 80c.

Here is a quick run-down of the perforations of Nos. 100-111: All values are perforated 12½ except the following: ½d, 2d, 6d, 1/- and 10/-. These five exist in two different perforations, 12 x 13 and 14 all around. The ½d also comes perf 13½ x 12½ besides the 12½ all around. None of the varieties is of importance price-wise.

Both MR1 and MR2 exist without fraction bar in the overprint; values are approximately \$5 and \$2 respectively. MR5 has been reported on both buff and pink paper, but it now appears that these stamps derived their colors from the outer wrapping papers in which they were originally packed! This winds up our series on the Cayman Islands, we sincerely hope you enjoyed it.

**Memo to millionaire collectors:** A rare chance to acquire an unused copy of Mauritius No. 1 will come at H. R. Harmer's auction in London on March 25. It is a trifle damaged, but since only one other unused copy is known which is in even worse shape, it wouldn't pay to be fussy. A total of 12 used copies have been found over the years. The same auctioneers sold this copy in 1934 in the famous "Hind" sale to its present owner, Sir Ernest de Silva, of Colombo, Ceylon.

The price then was in excess of \$10,000, but it is expected that a higher bid will be required this time to capture the showpiece. Sir Ernest very generously has donated his stamp to the Young Man's Buddhist Assn. The 1d and 2d were printed from two hand-engravings on a small copper-plate made by J. Barnard, a watchmaker in the Mauritius capital of Port Louis.

The original copper plate is now in the hands of the world's most fabulous collector, M. Maurice Burus of France, whose holdings, worth millions of dollars, were recently described in Linn's.

The publicity attendant to the sale of this 1d Mauritius will make

headlines all over the world and it wouldn't surprise us in the least if the event were to be featured in the newsreels and on television. Be sure to get your bid in on time!

The British Post Office in Tangier will celebrate its centenary of continuous operation on April 1. Although the other British Moroccan Post Office of Tetuan closed on December 31, 1956, the Tangier agency is being allowed to function for just a little while longer so that the Centenary can be appropriately observed.

The current issues of the individual Straits Settlements states, never too popular, will be replaced shortly by a single set of 15 values, 11 of which will show portraits of the various rulers, the other four will be representative of Malaya as a whole. All denominations will be approximately 1½ x 1 inch in size. A single brown 10c Independence stamp is scheduled for later.

Sierra Leone's current 3d QEII stamp has been reported perforated 13 x 13½ instead of the usual 14. Whether this is of temporary character has not as yet been established. If it is, this may turn out to be a desirable variety for Queen Elizabeth specialists.

A new Sarawak issue is now on the presses of Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. All of the current values except the 30c will be replaced by the new set which will be bi-colored (except for the Coat-of-Arms on the top value which will be lithographed), all values will include a portrait of Queen Elizabeth.

The official First Day City for the recent New Zealand Meat Export stamps 4d and 8d of February 15 was "Totara Homestead" near Oamaru where the very first cargo of meat was prepared for shipment.

The Ross Dependency Post Office at Scott Base has been in operation since January 11. The set of four values, 3d, 4d, 8d and 1/6 is a current best-seller at stamp stores everywhere. New Zealand will release a 3d commemorative in May to honor the 50th Anniversary of the "Plunket Society", whatever that may be.

Another "Responsible Government" commemorative is in the offing. Australia will mark the centenary of this political evolution in the state of South Australia, probably on April 22. It will be of 4d denomination. Another 4d will be placed on sale on March 13, this one for "permanent" use and featuring QEII. It will be printed in claret and be of the size of the current 3½d value. The Queen's portrait, however, will be that shown on the current 1/10d stamp.

The new arrival will also appear in booklets of 12. It replaces the 4d "Koala Bear", in use for the past 19 years, which will remain on concurrent sale until stocks are exhausted.

The long-rumored Papua and New Guinea provisional overprints, 4d on 2½d, and 7d on 1/- have finally reached here and should be on sale at your favorite dealer's now.

See you next week!

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Several years ago I found about 20 copies of the Manchukuo 6f scenic stamp (Minkus 83, Scott 90), with a perforated character. Kind friends in Tokyo and the U.S.A. identified it as being the character "SHO". Takeo Yamashita, formerly head of the Stamp Section of the Manchukuo Government, recalled that permission had been given to several businesses to use perforated initials but that the privilege had seldom been used.

There the matter stood until a couple of months ago when I happened to glance through R. P. Alexander's list of perforated initials used in Japanese stamps. (JP, IX, 9, p.220). I found pic-

tured, top of right column, four varieties of the SHO as used by the Yokohama Specie Bank. Taking a chance I therefore wrote the Manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank, now known as The Bank of Tokyo, Ltd., and have just received his kind reply:

"We are very glad to inform you of the outcome of our investigation on the matters we made from several people formerly employed by the Y.S.B. According to the stories narrated by these people, perforation was made on all stamps either in the form of the letter 'SHO' or 'Y.S.B.' not only by Manchukuo Branch but by other offices for the purpose of preventing their private use. They were perforated on the day of purchase. Such perforation seems to have been authorized by the postal authorities concerned."

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MEMORABLE JOURNEY (Continued from page 1)

Nakamura, I had the great privilege of being taken through the offices of the Postal Ministry and the Printing Bureau in Tokyo. Japanese stamps and other postal material are produced on the most modern machinery, some of which has been developed in Japan, and I think you will agree that the stamps show the excellence of the methods of production. It was indeed a great thrill to meet the famous designers and engravers of the Printing Bureau who had been only names to me, and watch them engaged in preparing new issues.

During the course of our trip I was privileged to attend several philatelic gatherings and was greatly impressed with the class of material that was shown to me. Owing to the shortage of early items prices are quite high and I noticed that collectors are devoting a great deal of attention to early covers, cancellations, postal stationery and postal history. In these fields they are very advanced and compare favorably with specialist groups in Britain, United States and other countries.

Several of the meetings I attended stand out in my memory. The first was held at a lovely new Japanese inn at Arima Hot Springs near Kobe. Before the meeting started we were asked if we would like to take a bath in the hot springs. We did, and afterwards were given white patterned kimonos to wear. All in attendance at the meeting did likewise.

After seeing some wonderful collections of the early issues we were asked if we would like another bath before having a sukiyaki dinner. We all took further advantage of the hot springs and then enjoyed a most memorable meal. I am sure this was the cleanest stamp meeting I ever attended!

In Nagoya the group held their meeting at the Temple of the Priest Keikai Ezaki who is one of the leading philatelists of Japan. The Temple is the personal property of Father Ezaki and is very beautiful, having a lovely pagoda, tea house, etc., the whole being laid out in a magnificent 47-acre grove of trees. After the meeting, where I saw some marvelous early covers including the first known cover bearing Japanese stamps, Father Ezaki took me on a personally conducted tour of the Temple showing many of its ancient treasures. His kindness and personal charm will never be forgotten.

In Tokyo the members of ISJP gave a dinner for Mrs. Bradshaw and myself at Chinzanso, which is a former residence of an Imperial Prince that has been turned into a restaurant. It is located in a very large walled garden which is simply exquisite. The specialty of the house is Ghengis Khan style food, which is cooked and served in the open over small barbecue pits around each of which five or six persons sit. The flavor and style of the food, the group lighted only by the glow of the fires and the moon, made this the most exotic stamp meeting I ever attended.

Two other memorable sessions were held. The first was a dinner given at the Sanno Hotel in Tokyo by our vice president and editor, Bob Spaulding, for the officers and directors of our society that live in Japan. Bob told me that it was the first time that all the Japanese resident officers and directors had ever been able to get together at one time.

The other was a dinner given at the beautiful Mitsui Club by the Tokyo area directors of the Japan Philatelic Federation. At both these dinners Kobe steak was served. If you relish steak as I do, I feel sure you would think the trip was well worth it for these wonderful steaks alone.

During part of our stay in Tokyo we stopped at the Nikkatsu Hotel. One morning I was called on the telephone by a young lady and she asked if I would speak to the Nikkatsu Ladies Stamp Club. I was very pleased to do so and later was told to go to the directors suite. There I found upwards of a dozen young ladies who told me they had formed the club which was composed of members of the hotel's telephone switchboard staff. They were all quite young collectors and seemed to enjoy having me tell them of the early stamps of their country and to hear of collecting activities in other places. I am sure this was the most beautiful stamp collecting group I ever addressed.

The kindness and consideration that was extended to Mrs. Bradshaw and myself on this visit, by collectors and non-collectors alike, was outstanding, and the beauty of the country is beyond compare. We fell so much in love with the country and people, that we are counting the days until we can make a more extended visit. To those of you who have never been to Japan I commend it to you in the highest terms.

Broad Coverage In ISJP Bulletin

R. P. Alexander

It is next to impossible to spell out in any great detail the various fields of philatelic interest embraced by the term "Japanese Philately", but a fairly good indication may be had by reviewing those covered in the 1956 issues of the ISJP publication, "Japanese Philately", a condensation of which is as follows:

Aside from full details of all new philatelic issues — stamps as well as postal paper — these have included:

FEATURE ARTICLES

"Shinto Architecture", by Margaret F. Marcus of Cleveland, Ohio.  
 "Revenue Stamps of the Republika Ng Pilipinas", by N. A. Lecklikner, of Monterey, Calif.  
 "Philatelic Record of the Azad Hind Regime", by R. P. Alexander of Washington, D. C.  
 "By the Light of Snow and Fireflies", by Robert M. Spaulding, Jr. of Tokyo, Japan.  
 "Harvesting Rice, Barley, Wheat, or Oats, as the Case May Be", by Robert M. Spaulding, Jr.  
 "The Tosa Village Post Stamps", by Robert M. Spaulding, Jr.  
 "Philately of the Japanese Occupation of the Philippine Islands", by R. P. Alexander.

JAPAN—REGULAR ISSUES

"Varieties of the Five Yen Whaling Stamp"  
 "Specimen Overprints of the Earthquake Provisionals"  
 "The Bouncing Balls of Lake Akan"  
 "The Forbidden Meat"  
 "Missing-Color Errors of Typographed Stamps"  
 "The Great Purple Butterfly"  
 "Plate Variety of the 20 Yen Small Airmail"  
 "Color and Imprint Varieties of the 55 and 75 Yen Airmails"  
 "Press Indicia of Rotary Typographed Stamps of Japan"  
 "Forgeries of the Sutherland Stamps"  
 "Castle of the White Heron Issue, Re-Engraved."  
 All from the pen of Robert M. Spaulding, Jr.

JAPAN—SPECIAL ISSUES

"The Great Food Offering Rite"  
 "The 1956 New Year Stamp"  
 "The Stamp Nobody Understands"  
 "The 1956 World Table Tennis Championships"  
 "Many Versions of the 'Universal Children's Day'"  
 "The Exhibition Issues of Japan"  
 "The Boy Scout Cashes In"  
 "Premature Use of the 1936 and 1937 New Year Stamps"

JAPAN—POSTAL STATIONERY

"The 1956 New Year Post Cards"  
 "New Variety of the 45 Yen Aerogramme"  
 "Surface Mail Letter Sheets of Japan Proper"  
 "The Japan-British Exhibition Postcards of 1910"  
 "Two Types of the 4 Yen New Year Card"  
 "Surface-Mail Letter-Sheets of the Japanese Offices in China"  
 "1956 Summer Greeting Cards"  
 "Stamped Envelopes of Japan"  
 "Production of Current Japanese Post Cards"

JAPAN—POSTAL MARKINGS

"The Sexagenary Cycle: Determining the Dates of Early Cancellations"  
 "Japanese Scenic Cancellations: Mandated Islands"  
 "Japanese Scenic Cancellations: the Ainu"  
 "Senic Postmarks of Japan"  
 "Special Postmarks of Japan"  
 "A Japanese Roman Citizen of the 17th Century"

JAPAN—POSTAL HISTORY

"International Airmail from Japan"  
 "The Challenge of Unwritten History"  
 "Classification of Domestic Mail"  
 "Japanese Law on Forgery of Stamps"  
 "Japan's Accession to the Universal Postal Union"  
 "The Enkakushi"  
 "First Scheduled Airmail, Fukuoka to Naha."  
 "First Scheduled Airmail, Tokyo to Bangkok."

JAPANESE TERRITORIES

"Japanese Inscriptions on the stamps of the Japanese Occupation of the Philippine Islands."  
 "The Overprinted Issues of Japanese Malaya"  
 "The Manchukuo Post Card which Claimed Too Little"  
 "Azad Hind High Value Trial Color Essays"  
 "Japanese Issues for Korea's Last Emperor"  
 "Commemorative Post Cards of Inner Mongolia"  
 "Happy New Year with Two-Fold Happiness"

JAPAN—GENERAL

Forecast of Issues for 1956  
 Inscriptions on the Postage Stamps of Japan, by G. A. Fisher, Jr.  
 Recent Auction Realizations  
 Buddhist Architecture, by Margaret F. Marcus  
 Buddhist Statuary, by Margaret F. Marcus  
 Japan-Ryukyu Special Reply Coupons  
 Japanese Exhibits at FIPEX  
 More Foreign Stamps Printed by Japan

Philatelic Survey of Japanese Fine Arts: Buddhist Painting, "No Masks", Japanese Castle Architecture, all by Margaret F. Marcus.  
 Japanese Tuberculosis Seals

RYUKYU ISLANDS

The 1956 Ryukyuan Arbor Week Issue  
 Stamps Available at Ryukyu Philatelic Agency  
 The Ryukyu Dial Telephone System  
 Ryukyu-Japan Postal Reply Coupon  
 "Election Business" Post Cards of the Ryukyus  
 Fake Covers of Yaeyama Provisionals  
 Money Order Service, U. S. to Ryukyus  
 Ryukyuan Dancer Series  
 The Ryukyuan Postal Law  
 Tuberculosis Seals of the Ryukyu Islands  
 Money Order Service of the Ryukyu Islands  
 1957 Ryukyuan New Year Stamp and Post Card  
 Pronunciation of the name "Ryukyu"

Aside from the foregoing, our publications have contained news of our members, of their interests, desires, accomplishments, awards, etc., etc., all combining to make a very well rounded out picture as "Japanese Philately". Definitely, anyone aspiring

to enhancement of intelligent interest in the collection of Japanese stamps and Japanese postal stationery cannot afford to be without both "Japanese Philately", and the various other advantages of membership in the International Society for Japanese Philately.

Scout Semipostals Soon From Curacao

February or March will see a new 2 shilling stamp inscribed "Australian Antarctic Territory", and featuring a map showing Australian claims in the area, along with the flag of the Australian expedition in the Vestfold Hills area in March 1954. This stamp, according to Gimbels Stamp Department, New York City, also available for postage in Australia, is said to be the first in a new series for the Antarctic Territory.

This is another of the many stamps being issued by various governments to show (and to some extent, to substantiate) their claims to this potentially strategic area. The United States has no claims, but it recognizes none of the others. Many of these claims overlap, with two, three or more countries claiming parts of the same area.

Another one of the many sets to be expected this year in honor of the 50th anniversary of the International Boy Scout movement is reported from Curacao. This set consists of three values, all of the same design. These are semipostals, and the values are: 6+1/2c; 7+1/2c; 15+5c, with colors not specified.

The design shows a central olive wreath, with a portrait of the late Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell in the middle. The fleur-de-lis emblem of scouting is in each of the four corners.

AUCTIONS

Feb. 25—Irving Gordon, 25 Beaver St., New York 4, N. Y. U. S. Inc. whole-sale; British Colonies, Germany.

Feb. 25-27—John A. Fox, 110 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. Lieb collection of world airmail.

Feb. 25-27—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y. British Commonwealth, Jamaica Specialized.

Feb. 26—Robbs Stamp Co., 38 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y. United States and Foreign, mint and used.

Feb. 27—Star Stamp Co., 503 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. British Empire, Victoria, 10 Elizabeth.

Feb. 27—The Collectors Shop, 17 Broadway, New Haven, Conn. United States mint and used exclusively.

Feb. 28—John Nicklin, 110 W. 43rd St., New York 36, N. Y. Booklet stamps of the world including rarities.

Feb. 28—Robert Hase, 820 W. 9th St., Corona, Calif. U. S. UN, Airmails, General Foreign, Wholesale.

March 2—M. E. Greebel, 116 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. United States mint and used, plate blocks.

March 3—A. Juliard, Narberth, Pa., 19th Century mint and used Foreign Classic issues.

March 5-6—Billig & Rich, Inc., 35 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. U. S., Britain and Colonies, Latin America.

March 7—John Balter & Co., 1572 Broadway, New York 36, N. Y. United States and General Foreign.

March 11-13—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y. General material, mint and used.

March 12-13—Willshire Stamp Co., 409 N. Larchmont Blvd., Los Angeles 4, Calif. U. S., British Empire, General.


March 13—Pasadena Stamp Co., 419 S. Grand Oaks Ave., Pasadena, Calif. U. S., British Empire, General.

March 13-14—F. R. Ferryman, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. U. S., Foreign, regulars, specialties.

March 16—Billig & Rich, Inc., 35 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. United States and General Foreign.


March 18-21—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y. The "Caspari" U. S. Carriers and Locals.

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It's an Institution! Yes indeed, for after three consecutive successful midwest Postage Stamp Shows, the collectors in the central states area are looking forward to the forthcoming A.S.D.A. Midwest Postage Stamp Show in the Grand Ballroom of the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill. on March 15, 16, and 17.

Stamp collecting in America has grown by leaps and bounds in the past few years. This is evidenced by the fact that the great Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition (FIPEX) staged in the Coliseum in New York City last May, attracted 250,000 visitors. Certainly, this was an all-time record breaker for philatelic attendance.

At this point I would like to mention that one of the main attractions at the forthcoming exhibition will be display of outstanding material for which prizes were awarded at FIPEX. Most of these stamps were shown by collectors of the midwest area and I can assure you that all of them are very outstanding. Here, indeed, is an opportunity to view at least a portion of that unprecedented exhibit.

Of course, the United States Government, through its Post Office Department will again cooperate and participate. There will be a U. S. Government Exhibit, a special show cancellation, and a Sub-Station Post Office where items available at the Philatelic Agency, may be purchased. Here the col-

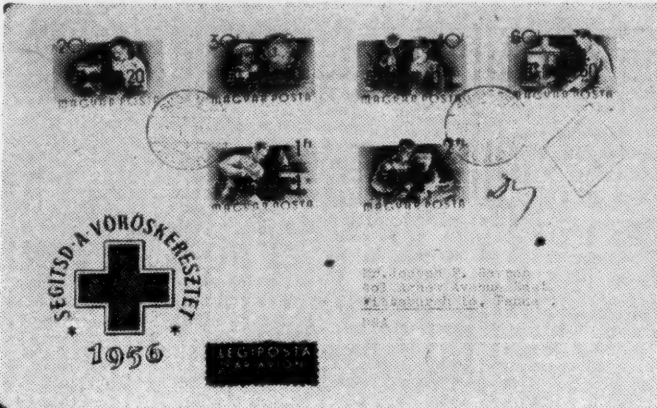
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lectors of the midwest area will be able to purchase the four special items issued at FIPEX, i.e., the 11c Souvenir Sheet, the 3c Coliseum commemorative stamp, the 6c airmail envelope, and the 2c FIPEX post card showing the only triangular stamp printed on U. S. postal stationery. These four items will be only available at the Sub-Station Post Office in Chicago at the LaSalle Hotel, during the three days.

Of course, another one of the great magnets at the show are the dealer booths, stocked with

stamps to meet everyone's pocket book. Here the collectors can visit their favorite stamp merchants and purchase material to fill the empty spaces in their albums.

At this time I wish to extend congratulations to all of the members of the A.S.D.A. Chicago Chapter for their splendid efforts in making this show possible, — with special well wishes going to the co-chairmen, Harold Cohn and Anthony C. Russo.

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